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We made it. Opening Day 2025! A new era of Angels baseball! Can't you smell the optimism in the air? The fresh sense of adventure, the dreamy visions of a contending team stunning the baseball world? No? You can't? Is it because things aren't *really* new? Is it because **Anthony Rendon** is still here (and starting at third base)? And so, too, are a bunch of other bums from last year's abject disaster? Hey, I didn't promise an immediate turnaround. Buckle up, suckas. It's going to be a bumpy ride again.



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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AMERICAN LEAGUE PREDICTED STANDINGS EAST DIVISION

Team	W	L	PCT	GB	Runs	AVG	HR	SB	Runs against	ERA	K	BB
Baltimore Orioles	104	58	.642	-	923	.263	285	161	693	3.98	1475	495
Boston Red Sox	94	68	.580	10	848	.266	215	57	717	4.19	1470	509
Toronto Blue Jays	85	77	.525	19	804	.255	251	125	777	4.52	1422	553
New York Yankees	82	80	.506	22	791	.245	249	62	800	4.65	1368	506
Tampa Bay Rays	74	88	.457	30	662	.229	188	88	753	4.45	1388	503

AMERICAN LEAGUE PREDICTED STANDINGS CENTRAL DIVISION

Team	W	L	PCT	GB	Runs	AVG	HR	SB	Runs against	ERA	K	BB
Minnesota Twins	91	71	.562	-	814	.256	221	94	701	4.14	1380	462
Cleveland Guardians	87	75	.537	4	700	.249	152	94	622	3.59	1446	551
Kansas City Royals	78	84	.481	13	714	.247	176	114	772	4.52	1271	499
Detroit Tigers	76	86	.469	15	635	.235	166	87	667	3.81	1281	487
Chicago White Sox	64	98	.395	27	652	.241	180	52	861	5.00	1299	608

AMERICAN LEAGUE PREDICTED STANDINGS WEST DIVISION

Team	W	L	PCT	GB	Runs	AVG	HR	SB	Runs against	ERA	K	BB
Texas Rangers	92	70	.568	-	818	.265	233	138	696	4.06	1524	521
Oakland Athletics	78	84	.481	14	624	.225	162	155	727	4.30	1275	514
Los Angeles Angels	77	85	.475	15	816	.251	228	73	845	4.94	1300	581
Seattle Mariners	74	88	.457	18	637	.235	155	170	688	4.04	1316	441
Houston Astros	68	94	.420	24	687	.250	186	101	833	4.86	1404	601

2025 Spring Training NRI's

- 1B/OF Adam Duvall
- SP Dane Dunning
- UTIL Miles Mastrobuoni
- LF/RF Braden Montgomery
- CF Nelson Rada
- SP Caden Dana
- SP Drew Beam

-> As noted in Part 4, **Adam Duvall** and **Miles Mastrobuoni** were near-locks to make the team after signing contingent minor league deals. **Dane Dunning** was around 50/50 and was in the mix for the fifth's starter's spot along with **Chase Silseth** and **Griffin Canning**.

→ We gave "courtesy" invites to the four prospects to allow them some exposure to big league camp and MLB-level opposition. Rada, Beam, and Dana will open the season at AA Rocket City; Montgomery will return to High A Tri-City (where he ended 2024) with an opportunity for a quick bump up to join the others in AA.

Roster Battles

With 11 position player spots secured, there were five guys in the mix for two spots, and three pitchers for two spots.

Hitter Locks (11)

- C Logan O'Hoppe
- C Pablo Aliendo
- 1B Nolan Schanuel
- 1B/OF Adam Duvall
- 2B Luis Rengifo
- SS Zach Neto
- SS Miguel Rojas
- 3B Anthony Rendon
- LF/RF Dylan Beavers
- CF Mike Trout
- UTIL Miles Mastrobuoni

Hitter Bubble (2)

- OF Mickey Moniak
- OF Jo Adell
- CF Grant McCray
- CF Jordyn Adams
- 1B/3B Charles Leblanc

Pitcher Locks (10)

- SP Zach Eflin
- SP Reid Detmers
- SP Tyler Anderson
- SP Jose Soriano
- SP/RP Chase Silseth
- SP/RP Griffin Canning
- RP Angel Felipe
- RP Hans Crouse
- RP Roansy Contreras
- RP Ben Joyce
- RP Jose Hernandez (LHP)

Pitcher Bubble (2)

- SP Dane Dunning
- RP Kenny Rosenberg (LHP)
- RP Sam Bachman

- McCray, whom we acquired from San Francisco at last season’s Deadline for Carlos Estevez, was eliminated by default due to an untimely case of plantar fasciitis. He’s due back two weeks into the season and will open on a rehab assignment at Salt Lake with an opportunity to join us in Anaheim shortly thereafter.
- LeBlanc is a quintessential “Quad A” player who has posted consecutive strong seasons at AAA (120 wRC+ in 2023 and 113 wRC+ in 2024) but doesn’t do enough things well to be anything other than an injury call-up in the bigs. His fate was more or less sealed when we signed Duvall as the right-handed 1B/DH type, and Duvall can also play above-average defense in the outfield corners (LeBlanc is mostly limited to 1B/3B).
- Once McCray went down, **Jordyn Adams’** spot on the Opening Day roster was essentially secured. Like McCray, Adams’ value is derived from his defense and speed. He swiped 35-of-42 bags at AAA last season and was 44-for-49 the year prior. Between Adams and Mastrobuoni (and McCray, when he returns), Ron Wash should feel confident cranking up the running game and deploying these two as frequently as possible in pinch-running and spots. Despite his porous bat, Adams should expect to start roughly half of our games in center field with Trout rotating through the DH spot and occasionally the outfield corners to take pressure off of his injury-ravaged body.
- With Adams penciled in as the 12th rosteree, the final spot was down to **Mickey Moniak** and **Jo Adell**. Man, talk about a fall from grace for these two once-ballyhooed prospects. With little differentiation between the two, Moniak “won” the job because he’s a better runner and makes more contact, but more importantly, he’s out of options, whereas Adell had one remaining. Would most teams care about exposing Moniak to waivers? Nope. But most teams have better depth than we do, and we simply cannot afford to give away a viable 4th/5th outfielder type who plays elite outfield defense.

POS	#	Name	Inf	Age	B	T	Overall	Potential	Contact	Eye	Gap Power	Power	Avoid K's	Sac Bunt	Bunt Hit	Speed	STE	SR	DEF
RF	23	Mickey Moniak		26	L	R	45	45	50	45	55	50	50	55	50	75	60	45	65
LF	7	Jo Adell		25	R	R	45	45	40	45	55	55	45	60	45	45	65	45	65

POS	#	Name	Age	B	T	PA	AVG	OBP	SLG	HR	RBI	BB%	SO%	BABIP	wOBA	ISO	wRC+	SB
RF	23	Mickey Moniak	26	L	R	48	.250	.312	.386	0	8	8.3	39.6	.440	.305	.136	87	0
LF	7	Jo Adell	25	R	R	45	.171	.244	.317	2	3	8.9	26.7	.185	.250	.146	50	0

- Other than the fight for the fifth starter’s spot, there wasn’t much intrigue on the pitching side. **Dane Dunning** significantly out-pitched **Griffin Canning** and **Chase Silseth**. Canning picked up right where he left off in 2024, totaling a negative K-BB ratio and looking far too hittable in the strike zone (1.8 HR/9 last season). He’s entering his final year of team control, and barring a miraculous turnaround, will be pitching his final year in Anaheim in 2025. He’s going to be the long man/mop-up guy to start the year with Silseth in a multi-inning, higher-leverage role. Dunning is the SP5.

POS	#	Name	Age	T	G	GS	IP	ERA	FIP	WHIP	K%	BB%	K%-BB%	BABIP	HR/9	LOB%	GO%	WAR
SP	33	Dane Dunning	30	R		8	10.1	3.48	4.01	1.16	27.9	4.7	23.3	.308	1.7	88.2	0.56	-0.1
RP	63	Chase Silseth	24	R		9	7.2	1.17	2.42	1.04	25.0	9.4	15.6	.250	0.0	88.9	0.53	0.1
RP	47	Griffin Canning	28	R		3	6.1	11.37	10.84	2.68	13.9	16.7	-2.8	.381	4.3	72.5	0.69	-0.5

2025 Roster – Hitters

- For as long as **Mike Trout** remains healthy, this looks like a decent, league average offense. **Logan O’Hoppe’s** offseason surge along with continued development from **Nolan Schanuel** and **Zach Neto** gives us one of the better “core four” hitting groups in the American League. There’s not much depth behind them in the lineup, but we’re vastly improved over last season.
- The below lineup constructions are going to be quite fluid. Ideally, Trout will start 1-2 times per week in CF while rotating through RF and DH.
- O’Hoppe’s dicey defense behind the plate will also lead to him being a once-or-twice per week DH candidate with **Pablo Aliendo** drawing starts on those days.
- After getting extensive looks at **Miguel Rojas** in Spring Training, the scouts think that Father Time has, in fact, started to catch up with him. His defensive marks have taken a big hit and he looks noticeably slower and less rangy. I’m not convinced he’s better than Neto defensively, which is somewhat of a shocking statement. Neto might end up sticking at SS, after all.

POS	#	Name	Inf	Age	B	T	Overall	Potential	Contact	Eye	Gap Power	Power	Avoid K's	Sac Bunt	Bunt Hit	Speed	STE	SR	DEF
CF	27	Mike Trout		33	R	R	70	70	50	65	55	65	45	65	55	35	60	30	65
C	14	Logan O'Hoppe		25	R	R	65	65	50	65	45	60	50	45	30	40	55	30	50
1B	18	Nolan Schanuel		23	L	R	60	65	55	65	45	55	60	50	35	45	25	30	60
SS	9	Zach Neto		24	R	R	55	55	55	50	55	55	50	55	45	25	70	40	55
2B	2	Luis Rengifo		28	S	R	55	55	60	45	45	45	60	55	30	65	60	45	55
LF	16	Adam Duvall		36	R	R	50	50	45	45	55	55	45	40	40	40	60	35	60
C	4	Pablo Aliendo		23	R	R	45	45	45	50	50	40	45	45	25	35	60	30	65
LF	17	Dylan Beavers		23	L	R	45	55	55	50	60	55	50	50	20	60	65	55	50
2B	20	Miles Mastrobuoni		29	L	R	45	45	55	50	45	30	55	55	55	70	70	55	55
RF	23	Mickey Moniak		26	L	R	45	45	50	45	55	50	50	55	50	75	60	45	65
3B	6	Anthony Rendon		34	R	R	45	45	50	60	50	45	50	55	40	25	55	30	50
SS	1	Miguel Rojas		36	R	R	45	45	55	45	45	35	70	55	45	40	65	55	55
CF	10	Jordyn Adams		25	R	R	40	40	45	45	45	40	45	65	50	75	75	70	60

#	B Lineup vs. RHP+DH	POS	#	B Lineup vs. LHP+DH	POS
1	L Nolan Schanuel	1B ▾	1	S Luis Rengifo	DH ▾
2	S Luis Rengifo	DH ▾	2	R Anthony Rendon	3B ▾
3	R Mike Trout	RF ▾	3	R Mike Trout	RF ▾
4	R Logan O'Hoppe	C ▾	4	R Logan O'Hoppe	C ▾
5	L Dylan Beavers	LF ▾	5	R Adam Duvall	LF ▾
6	R Zach Neto	2B ▾	6	L Nolan Schanuel	1B ▾
7	R Anthony Rendon	3B ▾	7	R Zach Neto	2B ▾
8	R Miguel Rojas	SS ▾	8	R Miguel Rojas	SS ▾
9	R Jordyn Adams	CF ▾	9	R Jordyn Adams	CF ▾

2025 Roster – Pitchers

- Is this the worst pitching staff in the American League? It might be. We’re right there with the White Sox and will be re-arranging the deck chairs on this Titanic all season.
- Hans Crouse** had a terrific offseason and looks like a competent big league arm. His velo spiked and he added a sinker to his already deep repertoire. I’m not entirely sure which bullpen he’ll settle into, but he’s probably the second-best option in the ‘pen other than **Robert Stephenson**, who is due back from his strained oblique around the end of April.
- Kenny Rosenberg** “won” the final bullpen job because we wanted a second lefty behind **Jose Hernandez**. He’s on-par skills-wise with some of the guys whom we sent to Salt Lake but is one of precious few LHP in the upper levels of this organization.

VIEW : Pitching Ratings					FILTER : None		POSITION: All Pitchers			SCOUTING		REPORT		View: Pitching Ratings - POS: All Pitchers - Scouting: D. Johnson - 13 Players						
POS	#	Name	Inf	Age	T	Overall	Potential	Stuff	Movement	Control	Velocity	Stamina	Ground/Fly	Hold	Scout Acc					
SP	28	Zach Eflin		30	R	65	65	45	50	80	93-95 Mph	60	NEU	50	High					
RP	62	Roansy Contreras		25	R	50	50	50	55	55	96-98 Mph	40	FB	50	Very High					
RP	92	Hans Crouse		26	R	50	50	55	60	45	95-97 Mph	35	NEU	55	Very High					
SP	31	Tyler Anderson		35	L	45	45	45	55	50	91-93 Mph	65	FB	60	Very High					
RP	47	Griffin Canning		28	R	45	45	50	50	55	94-96 Mph	65	NEU	55	Very High					
SP	48	Reid Detmers		25	L	45	45	55	50	50	93-95 Mph	55	FB	80	Very High					
SP	33	Dane Dunning		30	R	45	45	45	55	50	89-91 Mph	60	GB	45	High					
RP	53	Angel Felipe		27	R	45	45	65	55	40	99-101 Mph	30	EX GB	55	Very High					
RP	61	Jose Hernandez		27	L	45	45	60	50	45	97-99 Mph	35	NEU	70	Very High					
RP	44	Ben Joyce		24	R	45	45	55	55	45	99-101 Mph	30	FB	45	Very High					
RP	83	Kenny Rosenberg		29	L	45	45	50	50	50	91-93 Mph	45	NEU	50	Very High					
RP	63	Chase Silseth		24	R	45	50	55	50	45	95-97 Mph	50	GB	40	Very High					
SP	59	José Soriano		26	R	45	45	60	55	45	97-99 Mph	60	EX GB	50	Very High					
#	T	Starting Rotation	GS	W	L	IP	ERA	T Bullpen	Primary Role	Usage Option	Secondary Role	IP	K/9	ERA	SV					
1	R	Zach Eflin	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	R Chase Silseth	Stopper	7th & close game	-	0.0	0.0	0.00	0					
2	L	Reid Detmers	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	L Jose Hernandez	Setup	7th or later	-	0.0	0.0	0.00	0					
3	L	Tyler Anderson	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	R Angel Felipe	Setup	7th or later	-	0.0	0.0	0.00	0					
4	R	José Soriano	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	R Ben Joyce	Middle Relief	Use more often	Specialist	0.0	0.0	0.00	0					
5	R	Dane Dunning	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	R Roansy Contreras	Middle Relief	Use more often	-	0.0	0.0	0.00	0					
Rotation Settings								L Kenny Rosenberg	Middle Relief	Normal Usage	Specialist	0.0	0.0	0.00	0					
Rotation Size			5-Man Rotation					R Griffin Canning	Long Relief	Normal	Mop-up	0.0	0.0	0.00	0					
Next Starter			1 - Z. Eflin					R Hans Crouse	Long Relief	Normal	Follower	0.0	0.0	0.00	0					
Rotation Mode			Strict, on occasion highest rested																	
Allow SP in Relief			No																	

- March 22:** We signed **Jon Berti** (who is somehow already 35 years old) to a minor league deal with no contingency and a straight-up \$150K bonus. He was frequently banged-up last year with the Yankees and split his time between AAA and MLB, posting a 108 wRC+ in Scranton and an 80 wRC+ with the Yankees. Despite his advanced age, he’s still an excellent base stealer and runner, though he’s clearly slipped as a shortstop defender. He’ll be at Salt Lake to start the year but will inevitably be up when we have an injury or two and need a versatile bench bat.

“This system is still weak overall and lacks a bona fide star at the top, but it’s miles ahead of where it was at the start of last season thanks to a well-rounded 2024 Draft class and some internal development in the lower levels of the organization.” - OSA Scouting Team

#	POS	PLAYER	ORGANIZATION	AGE	POTENTIAL	CON/STU	POW/MOV	EYE/CON	CURRENT TEAM	LEVEL	ETA
1 (62)	RHP	Chris Levonas [+]	Los Angeles Angels	19	60	70	50	55	Inland Empire 66ers	A	2028
2 (76)	RHP	Caden Dana [+]	Los Angeles Angels	21	45	55	55	45	Rocket City Trash Pandas	AA	2027
3 (90)	LF	Dylan Beavers [+]	Los Angeles Angels	23	55	55	55	55	Los Angeles Angels	MLB	2025
4 (101)	RF	Braden Montgomery [+]	Los Angeles Angels	22	50	45	60	50	Tri-City Dust Devils	A+	2027
5 (104)	RHP	Drew Beam [+]	Los Angeles Angels	22	45	50	50	65	Rocket City Trash Pandas	AA	2027
6 (115)	LF	Nelson Rada [+]	Los Angeles Angels	19	55	55	40	60	Rocket City Trash Pandas	AA	2027
7 (209)	CF	Grant McCray [+]	Los Angeles Angels	24	45	45	50	55	Salt Lake Bees	AAA	2026
8 (231)	SS	Felix Morrobel [+]	Los Angeles Angels	19	50	60	40	55	Inland Empire 66ers	A	2028
9 (233)	RHP	Ryan Costeiu [+]	Los Angeles Angels	24	45	50	50	50	Salt Lake Bees	AAA	2026
10 (245)	RHP	Barrett Kent [+]	Los Angeles Angels	20	45	55	55	50	Tri-City Dust Devils	A+	2028
11 (281)	RF	Jorge Ruiz [+]	Los Angeles Angels	20	45	55	40	50	Tri-City Dust Devils	A+	2027
12 (282)	3B	Emilio Sanchez [+]	Los Angeles Angels	18	60	65	50	55	Los Angeles (DSL) Angels	R	2028
13 (299)	2B	Adrian Placencia [+]	Los Angeles Angels	21	45	50	45	65	Rocket City Trash Pandas	AA	2026
14 (344)	LHP	Juan Acabado [+]	Los Angeles Angels	16	70	75	50	55	Los Angeles Angels	IntC	2027
15 (400)	SS	Denzer Guzman [+]	Los Angeles Angels	21	45	50	50	50	Rocket City Trash Pandas	AA	2027
16 (414)	LHP	Dominic Fritton [+]	Los Angeles Angels	22	45	60	55	45	Tri-City Dust Devils	A+	2028
17 (438)	C	Juan Flores [+]	Los Angeles Angels	19	45	50	50	55	Rocket City Trash Pandas	AA	2027
18 (442)	SS	Kellon Lindsey [+]	Los Angeles Angels	19	50	55	45	55	Los Angeles A (ACL) Angels	R	2028
19 (447)	RHP	Jack Kochanowicz [+]	Los Angeles Angels	24	45	45	50	60	Salt Lake Bees	AAA	2026
20	RHP	Camden Minacci [+]	Los Angeles Angels	23	40	55	50	50	Rocket City Trash Pandas	AA	2027
21	3B	Carson Messina [+]	Los Angeles Angels	19	55	40	65	60	Los Angeles A (ACL) Angels	R	2028
22	C	Pablo Aliendo [+]	Los Angeles Angels	23	45	45	45	55	Los Angeles Angels	MLB	2025
23	CF	David Calabrese [+]	Los Angeles Angels	22	45	50	45	50	Salt Lake Bees	AAA	2026
24	RHP	LeBarron Johnson Jr. [+]	Los Angeles Angels	22	40	50	50	45	Inland Empire 66ers	A	2028
25	RHP	Luis Guerrero [+]	Los Angeles Angels	24	40	60	55	40	Salt Lake Bees	AAA	2025

- Our 2024 4th round pick, **Chris Levonas**, is returning to Low A Inland Empire, where he finished his post-Draft 2024 season. He’ll likely remain there for at least the first half of the season, at which point we’ll consider moving him to High A Tri-City (once the weather warms up).
- Rocket City looks like the place to catch a game for all of you ravenous Angels’ prospect hounds, as **Drew Beam** and **Caden Dana** will anchor the Trash Pandas’ rotation. Because of the unique challenges wrought by pitching in Salt Lake, we’ve decided that – once they’re ready – both pitchers will skip over AAA entirely and go directly to Anaheim. I’m unsure of which will arrive first, but Beam might have the slight upper hand given that he’s a year older and has superior control of the running game and fielding his position, though Dana is remarkably polished for a 21-year-old who was drafted out of high school.



DREW BEAM | #32

SP | Rocket City Trash Pandas - Southern League (AA) | Throws: Right | Age 22 | 6' 4" - 205 lbs

PROFILE

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Age

22 years, 78 days

Date of Birth

February 14th , 2003

City of Birth

Murfreesboro, TN

Nationality

American

Position

Pitcher (Starter)

Bats / Throws

Right / Right

Team

Rocket City Trash Pandas (SL, LAA)

Salary

Minor League Contract

School

University of Tennessee

Acquired

Draft Pick (2024, Rd. 2 - Ovr Pk: 45th)

Morale

Normal 😊

Expectation

No expectation

Major Service

None

Twitter Handle

@dsbeam11

BASIC PITCHING RATINGS

Stuff

40 / 50

Current / Potential

Movement

45 / 50

Control

45 / 65

Fastball

45 / 50

Slider

45 / 50

Curveball

45 / 60

Changeup

45 / 65

SUMMARY

Overall

25

Potential

45

Scouting Accuracy

Very High

OTHER PITCHING RATINGS

GB/FB Tendency

Flyball Pitcher

Velocity

92-94 Mph

Arm Slot

Normal (3/4)

Pitcher Type

Normal

Projected Role in

MLB (MLB)

Current

Bullpen / Emergency Starter

Future

Starter

Stamina

55

Hold Runners

45

POSITION RATINGS

Pitcher

50 / 60

BATTING RATINGS

Contact

25 / 25

Power

20 / 20

Eye

25 / 25

Sacrifice Bunt

45

PERSONALITY

Often found talking with coaches long after drills are over.

Personality class: Unknown

High: Financial Ambition, Intelligence

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